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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Examiner: Hien Nguyen
ELIYAHOU HARARI et al.	Art Unit: 2824
Application No.: 09/143,233	
Filed: August 28, 1998	
For: FLASH EEPROM SYSTEM WITH DEFECTIVE BLOCK SUBSTITUTION (as amended)	AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed October 1, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 5, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 27 with the following:

Fig. 8 is a block diagram illustrating the write cache circuit inside the controller;

Fig. 9 outlines the key steps in the new algorithm used to erase with a minimum stress;